



FLWEMS Paramedics Adult Protocol for the Management of:

ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSM

Indications

To outline the paramedic care and management of the patient with suspected expanding or impending rupture of an abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA).

Procedure

1. Secure an airway as outlined in FLWEMS Paramedics Adult Protocol for the Management of Airway & Ventilation and administer supplemental **Oxygen** as needed.
2. Establish a large bore IV for potential fluid resuscitation/medication administration. If possible, establish a second large bore IV en-route to the Emergency Department.
3. Assess for signs and symptoms of shock or hypoperfusion.
4. Administer **Lactated Ringers** (LR) or **0.9% Sodium Chloride** (NS) to maintain SBP 70–90mm/Hg in leaking or ruptured aneurysms.
5. Administer pain medication as outlined in FLWEMS Paramedics Adult Protocol for the Management of Pain & Discomfort.
6. Notify medical control for continued hemodynamic instability (SBP <70mm/Hg).
7. Contact Medical Control prior to initiating M.A.S.T.
8. Immediate transport is essential.
9. Transport to appropriate Emergency Department
10. Contact medical control for further orders as needed.

CAIRA/Chemical Surety Considerations

None

Triage Considerations

Refer to S.T.A.R.T. Triage Protocol

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